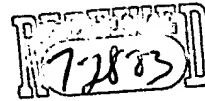


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 22, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application, the following amendments and remarks are submitted. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.